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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/248,980) Group Art Unit: 2711
Filed: February 12, 1999)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,)
ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS,)
MODULATION CIRCUIT, AND)
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS : July 26, 1999
DRIVING METHOD)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

Each of the listed EP '991, EP '800, EP '983, GB '174, and FR '712 references was cited in a Communication/Search Report (Ref. No. 2638130) received from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. An English translation of the FR '712 reference is not readily available to Applicant's attorney but may be provided if required by the Examiner. In this regard, the European Search Report lists U.S. Patent No. 5,767,823

(Hush), copy enclosed, as being in the same patent family as FR 2 739 712. A copy of an English Abstract obtained from a commercial data base is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of the Search Report indicating how the European Examiner applied the art in the European application also is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Each of the JP '317, JP '232, JP '748 and JP '921 references is cited at page 1 of the specification, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the JP references are not readily available to Applicant's attorney but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English Abstract for each of these references obtained from a commercial data base is also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

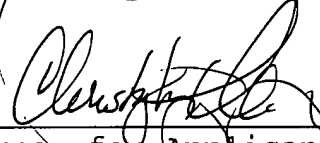
Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first official action on the merits, no fee is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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